(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	Central allocation Year		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
IRDP	234.00	208.00	343.00
JRY	264.54	258.01	258.01

(b) and (c) The above programmes are evaluated from time to time by the Ministry of Rural Development through reputed/independent Research. Institutions/organisations to assess the impact of these programmes Tne 4th round survey of Concurrent Evaluation of IRDP and 2nd round survey of JRY are in progress to evaluate in effectiveness of these programmes

Development programmes in Rural and Tribal areas under New Industrial Policy

3225. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development programmes started by the Union Government under the new Industrial Policy in the rural and tribal areas of the country in each state;

(a) the details of development programare being implemented;

(c) whether any machinery has been set up to ensure that people of rural and tribal areas actually get the benefits of these programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of such beneficiaries, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (e) No new programme for the Rural and Tribal Areas of the country have been started as an off-Shoot of the New Industrial Policy. However, for tribal and Rural areas, the programmes for income and employment generation are continuing for quite a long time. These include the Development of Khadi and Village Industries and special Employment Programme initiated by Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

Conversion of wasteland into arable land

3226. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the actual area of wastelands in the country, State-wise;

(b) the efforts so far made or proposed to be made by Government to make the wastelands arable, State-wise; and

(c) the details of research made in the direction of converting the wastelands into arable land to ensure higher production of foodgrains and other agriculture commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) The Department of Wastelands Development has commissioned National Wastelands Identification Project with the collaboration of the National Remote Sensing Agency. Under this Programme 228 districts in the country having more than 5 per cent of the geographical area as wastelands have been mapped. Precise information regarding the whole country is not available; however according to one estimate, the total extent of wastelands in the country is 129.57 million hectares. State-wise details of

wastelands in the country are given at Statement-I, (*See* below).

(b) The reconstituted National Wastelands Development Board under the newly created Department of Wastelands Development has adopted a broad strategy for sustainable development of non-forest wastelands aiming at checking land degradation, putting such lands to sustainable use and increasing bio-mass production specially of fuelwood and fodder. The development of wastelands activities include soil and moisture conservation, afforestation, pasture development, natural regeneration, agro-forestry, horticulture. The development of wastelands is done under the various schemes of the Central and State Governments and is monitored under Point No. 16 of the 20 Point Programme. The State-wise development of wastelands under the 20 Point Programme is given at Annexurel-I. (See Appendix 170, Annexure No. 65)

(c) The main focus of the Department of Wastelands Development is to put wastelands to sustainalbe use inorder to increase biomass production specially fuelwood and fodder. As such the conversion of wastelands into arable lands to ensure higher production of foodgrains and other agriculture commodities is not one of the major activities of the Department. However in relation to research activities in respect of development wastalands 54 projects covering activities such as Agro-Forests-Silvi-Horti-Pasture models, Development of other Land Based Activities, Operation Research Projects in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research under Technology Extension, have been sanctioned.

Statement

Estimates of wastelands in India

(million Hectares)

State/UT	Non-Forest Degraded Area	Forest Degraded Area	Total
Andhra Pradesh	7.682	3.734	11.416
Assam	0.935	0.795	1.730
Bihar	3.896	1.562	5.452
Gujarat	7.153	0.683	7.834
Haryana	2.404	0.074	2.478
Himachal Pradesh	1.424	0.534	1.956
Jammu & Kashmir	0.531	1.034	1.568
Karnataka	7.122	2.043	9.168
Kerala	1.053	0.226	1.279
Madhya Pradesh	12.947	7.195	20.142
Maharashtra	11.560	2.841	14.402
Manipur	0.014	1.424	1.438
Meghalaya	0.815	1.103	1.918
Nagaland	0.508	0.878	1.386
Orissa	3.157	3.227	6.381

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Punjab.	1 151	0 079	1 230
Rajasthan	18 001	1 933	19 934
Sikkim	0 131	0.150	0.281
Tanil Nadu	3 392	1 009	4 401
Tripura	0.108	0 865	0.973
Uttar Pradesh	6 635	1 426	8.061
West Bengal	2 177	0.359	2 534
UTs	0,889	2.715	3 604
TOTAL	93.685	35.889	129.57

Landless Farmers in Gujarat

3227. SHRI RAIUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of landless fermers in Gujarat:

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide land to these farmers:

(c) if so, the details the reof; and

(d) by when the land is likely to be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) According to the provisional population figures of the 1991 Census, there were 30,47,324 agricultural labourers in rural areas of Gujarat.

(b) to (d) There is already a scheme of distribution of ceiling surplus land to the landless rural poor under which priority is given in the distribution to the landless agricultural labourers particularly those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. According to information received upto 1 1.94, an area of 1,33,061 acres has been distributed to 29814 beneficiaries. The State has been advised to complete the distribution of all available ceiling surplus land expeditiously.

परती भूमि के विकास हेतु सहायता

3228. **श्री शिव प्रसाद जनपुरिया:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रधानमंत्री ने मध्य प्रदेश में सूखे की समस्या से निपटने के लिये परती भूमि के विकास हेतु 1993-94 के वर्ष के लिये पांच करोड़ रुपये की धनराशि की सहायता उपलब्ध कराने की घोषणा की थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने राज्य के संबंधित चौदह जिलों के लिये ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय को स्वीकृति हेतु योजनायें भेजी हैं;

(ग) इन चौदह जिलों में से कितने जिलों की योजनायें स्वीकृत की गई हैं और प्रत्येक के लिये कितनी-कितनी धनराशि मजूर की गई है तथा प्रत्येक योजना के लिये जिला-वार कितनी-कितनी धनराशि पहले ही उपलब्ध कराई जा चुकी है ; और